

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Please cancel Claims 3 and 6 to 9, without prejudice, add new Claim 11, and amend the claims as shown below:

1. (Previously Presented) A hydrophobic, pyrogenically produced silica, having a tamped density of 55 to 200 g/l and which is hydrophobicized by reaction with a halogen-free silane and compacted by a roller compactor or by a belt filter press.
2. (Original) The hydrophobic pyrogenically produced silica according to claim 1 having a tamped density of 60 to 200 g/l.
3. (Cancelled)
4. (Previously Presented) The hydrophobic, pyrogenically produced silica according to claim 1 wherein said silica has a chloride content of less than or equal to 100 ppm.
5. (Previously Presented) A process for the production of the hydrophobic, pyrogenically produced silica as claimed in claim 1, comprising hydrophobizing pyrogenically produced silica by reaction with a halogen-free silane and then compacting said silica with a roller compactor or by a belt filter press.
- 6.-9. (Cancelled)

10. (Original) A dispersion of a hydrophobic, pyrogenically produced silica produced by the process of claim 5.

11. (Previously Presented) A method of making a dispersion comprising dispersing the hydrophobic, pyrogenically produced silica of claim 1 in an organic solvent.

12. (New) A hydrophobic, pyrogenically produced silica, having a tamped density of 55 to 200 g/l hydrophobicized by reaction with a halogen-free silane.